**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is there no definite policy followed in this matter? Am I to understand that there is no principle for the guidance of the officer? The officers can at their sweet will refuse invitation to any caste.

**President.**—The Government says there is no policy. It is not possible to have any so far as the Government is concerned.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is it impossible to lay down some principle or policy in using the discretionary power of the officer?

**President.**—First of all, what is the principle on which they are to be invited? There will be sometimes large numbers of people, you see, and sometimes small. These are matters regarding which no rules can possibly be laid down.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is there no list of the members who are to be invited for the Darbar and other State functions? Is it not possible to keep a list of names in the order of preference? Will the Government keep such a list in the future?

**Mr. P. Damodara Menon.**—The list is prepared now and then. There is no standing list.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Is any principle or policy followed in revising this list?

**Mr. P. Damodara Menon.**—It is not possible to have any.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Perhaps, it is left to the sweet will of the officer to exclude any caste or invite any Tom, Dick or Harry he likes, whenever the list is revised.

## The hardship caused by the application of certain sections of the Municipal Regulation.

**328. Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.**—(a) Are the Government aware of the wide-spread discontent and hardship caused by the application of the provisions of sections 156 to 172 of the Cochin Municipal Regulation, Act XI of 1096, to people living within 3 miles of the Municipal limits?

(b) Do the Government propose to take any action in the matter, and if so, what?

**Mr. P. Damodara Menon.**—(a) Government have received petitions from the people in the matter.

(b) Sanction has been given to the Member for Urakam to introduce a Bill in this Council to amend the Regulation. Government will await the result.

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